

# Help for Renters Who Lost Personal Property in Hurricane Sandy

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TRENTON, N.J. -- Renters who need to repair or replace essential items lost in Hurricane Sandy can get help from the Small Business Administration.

Many survivors are learning that their insurance is not enough to cover all of their losses. Only 43 percent of renters have insurance, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

Survivors may qualify for long-term, low-interest SBA loans to repair or replace personal property items such as clothing, furniture, cars, or appliances damaged or destroyed in the disaster. The deadline to return a disaster loan application is Jan. 30.

Money is available for necessary expenses and serious needs caused by Hurricane Sandy that are not covered by insurance or other programs. Items such as textbooks and computers used for education, professional tools, household furnishings, disaster-related medical, dental, or funeral costs and storm damage to vehicles may qualify for FEMA grants. Renters must return their SBA loan application to be considered for these grants.

Survivors may apply online using the electronic loan application via SBA's secure website at [DisasterLoan.sba.gov/ela](http://DisasterLoan.sba.gov/ela). For additional information, contact an SBA disaster assistance customer service center by calling 800-659-2955 or TTY 800-877-8339, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or visiting [sba.gov](http://sba.gov). SBA customer service representatives are available at all disaster recovery centers throughout the state. Centers can be found online at [fema.gov/DRC](http://fema.gov/DRC).

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